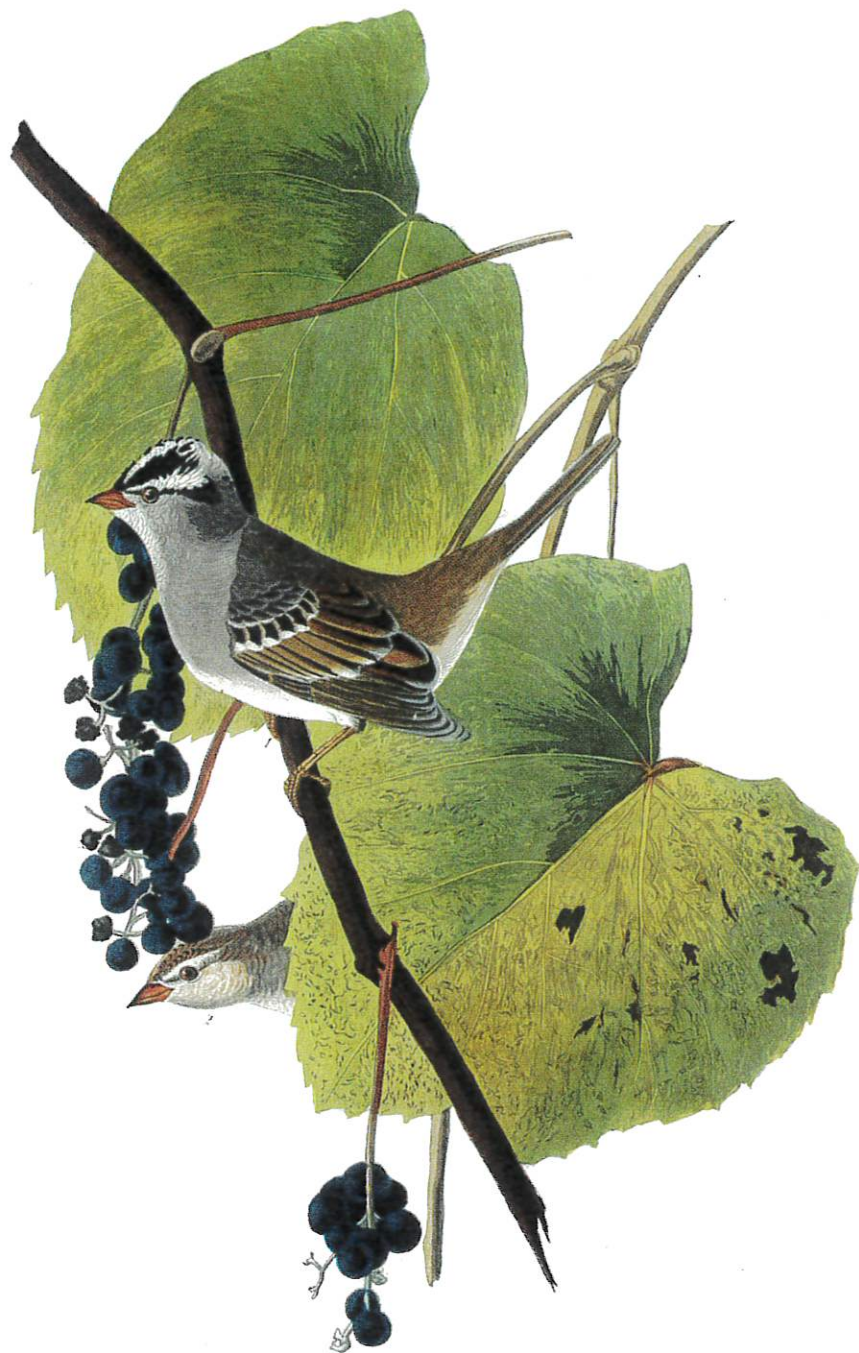




*You are of more value  
than many sparrows*

MATTHEW 10:31



## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Bulletin Insert

Saturday, June 20, 2026 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 21, 2026 ~ 9:00 am

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**GATHERING SONG**

**"Let the Whole Creation Cry"**

**ELW #876**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the—  
cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and  
not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

**A reading from Jeremiah.**

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out;  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him  
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 69:7-18**

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:  
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help."

- <sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**
- <sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.
- <sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.**
- <sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- <sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup> "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

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| <b>HYMN OF THE DAY</b> | <b>"Will You Come and Follow Me"</b>          | <b>ELW #798</b> |
| <b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b> | <b>"Borning Cry"</b>                          | <b>ELW #732</b> |
|                        | <b>"What Feast of Love"</b>                   | <b>ELW #487</b> |
| <b>SENDING SONG</b>    | <b>"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"</b> | <b>ELW #769</b> |

**Thank you to those who share in our worship services!**

|                              | <u><b>Saturday Evening Service</b></u>                                   | <u><b>Sunday Morning Service</b></u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Ida Weibel                                                               | Tom & Pam Carlson                    |
| <b>Reader</b>                | Joan Hennigan                                                            | Karen Schmitt                        |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b>  | Ida Weibel                                                               | Tom Carlson                          |
| <b>Counters</b>              | Joan Hennigan & <i>Counter Needed</i>                                    | Joni Kuehl-Schneider & Carol Roe     |
| <b>Organist</b>              | Susan Becker                                                             |                                      |
| <b>Online Streaming Team</b> | Craig Bloomingdale, Lucas Golinghorst, Scott La Plante, & Kevin Zidarich |                                      |



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CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at [faithlutheranelldridge.com](http://faithlutheranelldridge.com).

**CHILDREN** are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

**VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and place the card in the offering plate.



Flowers This Week

The altar flowers are given by Steve & Melody Sawvell in honor of their 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

*If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site.*



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Even though the medical facilities might ask about notifying your church, they do not actually contact us unless a situation is dire. Please contact us at the church office at (563) 285-4501. For after-hour emergencies, please contact Pastor Carrie at (641) 275-1326 or Pastor Heather at (563) 639-9606.



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

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|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Steve Mixdorf   | Meyer Mixdorf  | Judy Feller | Dave  | Gary  |
| Patty Denner    | Cheryl Torey   | Marilyn     | Linda | Paul  |
| Kathy Stoltz    | June Mephram   | Kelly       | Donna | Jerry |
| Maverick Claeys | Rebecca Casson | James       | Julie | Kathy |
| Jan Goettsch    | Cherri Grimes  | Cindy       | Judy  |       |
| Barb Conklen    | Judy Rigg      | Thad        | Janet |       |



This weekend we will be collecting a "noisy" offering for ELCA World Hunger. Please drop any change into the cans and make a joyful noise to the Lord!



## VBS THIS WEEK!

You can still register for VBS this weekend or on Monday, June 22. Come join the fun!

If you are helping with VBS, please come Sunday, June 21, at 6:30 pm to our volunteer kick off. We will have a taco bar, welcome the counselors from Lutheran Lakeside, and have a brief training with the Lutheran Lakeside staff to prepare for the week ahead.



Worship at the Outdoor Chapel has returned. Join us every other Sunday morning, through September 6 for outdoor worship. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move worship inside. Please bring a lawn chair and join us outside on June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23, and September 6.



## North Scott Community Feed Our Children Ministry

Feed Our Children Ministry will provide a free lunch opportunity to children in the North Scott community during summer break. Our goal is to provide a free nutritious lunch to children in our community through this twice a week ministry, on

Tuesdays and Thursdays from **June 9 - August 20, 2026.**

To volunteer [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4DACAC23A7F85-63443951-2026#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4DACAC23A7F85-63443951-2026#/)

Thank you! ~ *The North Scott Feed Our Children Ministry Team*

### Saturday, June 20 Noisy Offering

5:00 pm Worship in Sanctuary &  
Online

### Sunday, June 21 Noisy Offering

9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary  
10:15 am Fellowship  
6:30 pm VBS Volunteer Mtg w/meal

### Monday, June 22 Office Closed

8:30 am VBS

### Tuesday, June 23

8:30 am VBS  
10:00 am Feed Our Children  
5:30 pm Food Pantry

### Wednesday, June 24

8:30 am VBS

### Thursday, June 25 Office Hours 9-12:00 noon

8:30 am VBS  
9:00 am Ambassador Folding  
10:00 am Feed Our Children  
4:00 pm Visitation

### Friday, June 26

9:30 am Food Pantry  
11:00 am Funeral

### Saturday, June 27

5:00 pm Worship In Sanctuary & Online

### Sunday, June 28

9:00 am Worship Outdoors  
10:15 am Fellowship



June 13 & 14 - 5:00 pm: 32, 9:00 am: 39, Online: 33 Total: 104

## Between Hiding and Exposing

The desire to make known that which is currently hidden can evoke various responses. When abusive power and fear suppress opposition, or when liberating truth is just under the surface, the desire for uncovering and justice is likely strong. However, when harm or injustice is not an obvious outcome and that which is hidden is perceived to benefit stability or peace, there may be resistance to making the hidden known.

Through a variety of images, the speech in Matthew's gospel calls for the unknown to be revealed and intentions made plain. Our liturgical practice of corporate confession provides an opportunity to acknowledge our relationship with what stays hidden and what we wish to reveal in our own lives. The confession may be discomfiting, but it reminds us of an important dynamic in the life of faith: Just as Jesus tells his disciples not to fear and reassures them of their value, the words of forgiveness in the liturgy orient us toward a God who restores relationships and calls us beloved.

If only the liturgical practice of confession and forgiveness would once and for all set us on the right path and give us permanent assurance! But that would also free us from curiosity about what taking up the cross means in our lives. Once the cross is exposed, we must face our response to it, and it challenges our allegiances and prods at our vulnerabilities. However, Jesus is clear that the cross also uncovers a path to life. Instead of this path being a lonely, exposing journey, Jesus knows it well and joins us on the way.

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## Let the Whole Creation Cry



- 1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
- 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
- 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



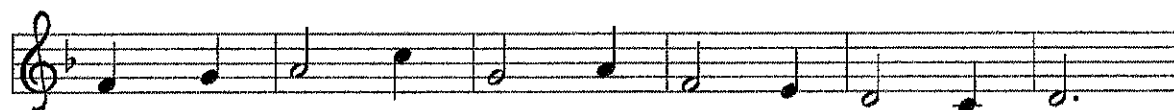
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt.

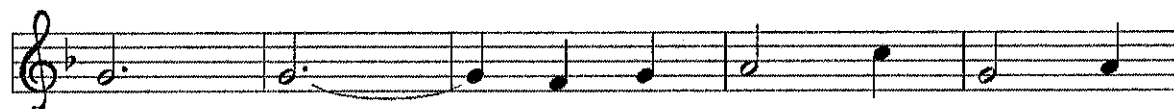
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702

# Will You Come and Follow Me

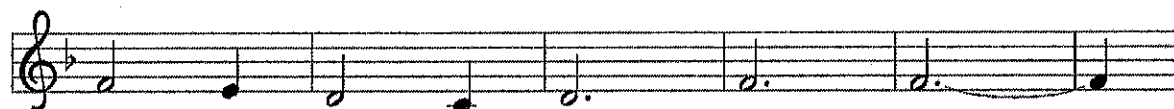
## *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



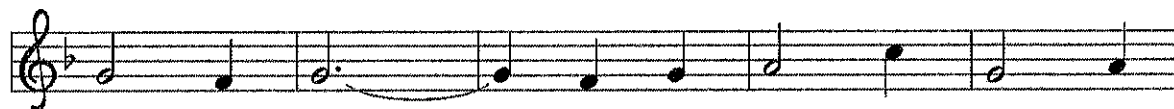
your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



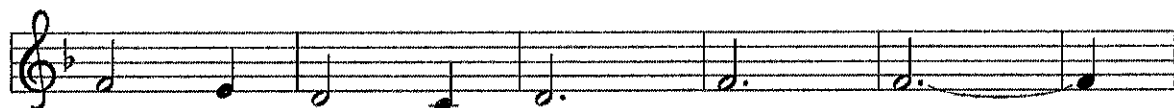
know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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# Borning Cry



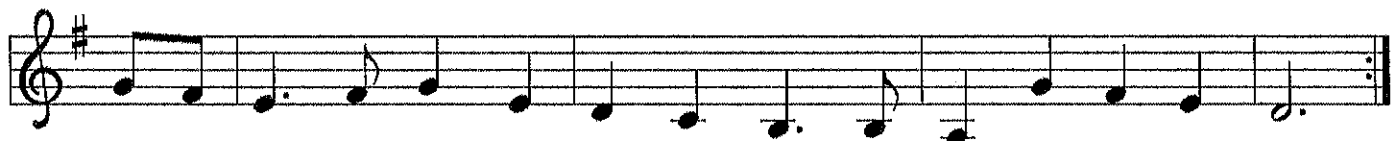
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



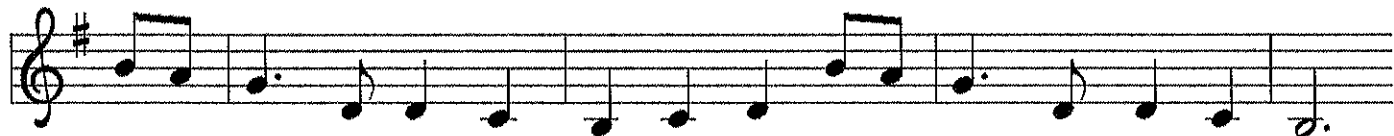
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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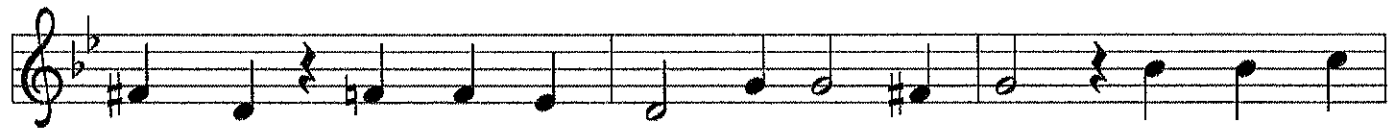
## If You But Trust in God to Guide You



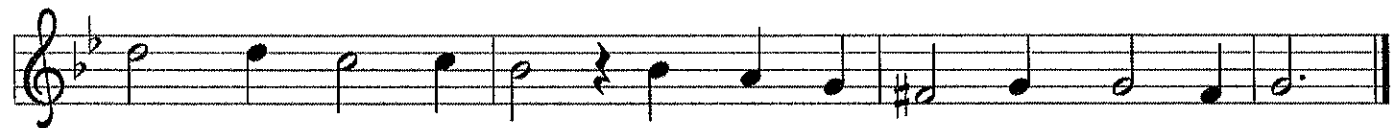
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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